(c) The guidelines are norms laid down by the Court were circulated to all Ministries/Departments for compliance. In compliance of the directions of the Hon'ble Supreme Court, the Government has also amended the Central Civil Services (Conduct) Rules, 1964 by inserting a new rule (Rule 3C) to include sexual harassment as a misconduct. It has also been stipulated that the report of the Complaints Committee should be treated as a preliminary report against the accused Government servant and expeditious follow up action be taken on the report of the Complaints Committee.

Setting up of special courts for rape cases

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SHRI B.J. PANDA:

Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Delhi Police has asked Delhi Government for setting up of special courts to hear rape cases;

(b) whether there has been increase in these cases and it takes around five years for disposal of a case; and

(c) if so, whether such Courts would be set up not only in the Capital but also at other places, to achieve the objective?

THE MINISTER OF LAW AND JUSTICE (SHRI ARUN JAITLEY): (a) Yes, madam. The Delhi Police has requested the Delhi Government for setting up of three Special Courts in each of the three court complexes in Delhi.

(b) There has been a constant decline in the rape cases since 2000. The year-wise number of rape cases registered are as given below:

Year	:	No. of cases registered
2000	:	455
2001	:	400
2002	:	403

Time taken in disposal of cases varies from case to case.

(c) Fast Track Courts have been set up to ensure speedy trial of long pending cases, including rape cases. So far 1334 such courts have been notified as against a total of 1734 such courts proposed to be set up.